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FM AMEMBASSY KAMPALA
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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON BSO

1. SAUDI ARABIAN AMBASSADOR HABABI COMMENTED TO EMB OFF DURING RECEPTION APRIL 9 AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE THAT IN HIS OPINION BSO NOT LIKELY TO ATTEMPT ANY SORT OF OPERATION IN UGANDA. HE STRESSED THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN KHARTOUM HAD BEEN " VERY DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL" EPISODE FOR " BOTH SIDES," ADDING THAT BSO HAD SUFFERED " DAMAGE" AS RESULT THIS OPERATION. HE THOUGHT KHARTOUM EXPERIENCE WOULD DETER BSO FROM UNDERTAKING OPERATIONS IN COUNTRIES WHERE PALESTINIANS AND AL- FATAH WERE " WELL RECEIVED." HE SAID ALSO THAT HISTORY OF BSO DEMONSTRATES THEY DO NOT REPEAT SAME TYPE OPERATION AND, IF THIS CONTINUES, THERE NO WORTHWHILE TARGETS IN UGANDA FOR BSO TO HIT.

2. COMMENT: HABABI DECLINED COMMENT FURTHER ON NATURE OF DAMAGE BSO HAS SUFFERED AS RESULT KHARTOUM, OR WHETHER DAMAGEMIGHT INCLUDE LOSS FINANCIAL SUPPORT SOME ARAB GOVERNMENTS. HABABI IS SEEN FREQUENTLY WITH LOCAL PLO REP AL- SHEIK. WHETHER AL- SHEIK WOULD SUBSCRIBE TO VIEWS EXPRESSED ABOVE, OR
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WHETHER HE HAS INFLUENCED HABABI ALONG THESE LINES, IS NOT
KNOWN.
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